

J.P. McCarthy Foundation and the Millie Schembechler Memorial Golf Benefit. He also provides leadership and support for these charities.

In addition to founding numerous charities, "Hoot" McInerney also generously donates to many local, national and international organizations. Among the many charities he supports are several Catholic churches and schools, the Police Athletic League Tournament, Focus: HOPE, Operation Read, Special Olympics, Children's Hospital and the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit.

The Goodfellows have given to the needy children of our community by offering emergency dental care, shoes, camperships, college scholarships and a variety of other programs to provide help through tough economic times. The program the Goodfellows are best known for is the gift packages. This year their goal is to buy Christmas gift packages for 41,500 needy Detroit area school children.

On a personal note, I know of no one who has a wider range of friendships than "Hoot".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding community leader, Martin J. "Hoot" McInerney as he receives the 2003 Goodfellow of the Year award and to congratulate the Goodfellows as they honor its 89 year-old pledge of "No Kiddie Without a Christmas."

#### TRIBUTE TO LAFAYETTE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

#### HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, let me take this means to pay tribute to the Lafayette County Health Department which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on October 9, 2003.

The Lafayette County Health Department has proudly served the residents of Lafayette County since 1953. In that year, a sixteen member County Health Steering Committee was appointed to analyze various health problems in Lafayette County. In 1957, the steering committee recommended hiring the first county health nurse, Catherine Boedeker Winfrey. It was also in 1957 that the county started receiving public health funds. With the funds, the Lafayette County Health Department started massive polio immunization clinics and started to dispense tuberculosis medicines. They also provided dressings to cancer patients and provided classes in home nursing, first aid, babysitting, and civil defense. Hearing and vision screening were started in the county's schools. The Lafayette County Health Department became the lead agency in coordinating disaster plans for the county.

In 1963, immunization services were expanded to include the prevention of diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and the smallpox diseases. The Lafayette County Health Department implemented Maternal Child Health programs to educate the public about prenatal and infant health issues in 1967. Mass immunizations for rubella were available in 1970, the same year that family planning services were offered for the first time. In 1973, child health conferences were started. This program offered free well child check-ups as well as other programs to promote healthy children.

Through the 1980's and 1990's the Lafayette County Health Department continued its many services. In 1980, the department added Environmental Sanitarian services to offer inspections of food establishments and public sanitation outlets. In 2000, the department developed a Mentoring Moms program for mothers in the county.

Mr. Speaker, the Lafayette County Health Department has provided valuable public health services to the people of Lafayette County for the past 50 years. I hope that the other Members of the House will join me in thanking them for their wonderful years of service.

#### SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL IN- DUCTS FIRST ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

#### HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, later this evening South Salem High School in Salem, Oregon will kick off the school's 50th anniversary celebration by inducting the inaugural class into its Athletic Hall of Fame. In total, 14 athletes, three coaches, one team and two community boosters will be honored in what I am sure will be a ceremony filled with many memories of the past and pride for what the South Salem "Saxon" community has accomplished.

Lara Tiffin ('86), Athletic Director, Guido Caldarazzo, Interim Principal, and the entire selection committee should be recognized for their enormous contributions in putting together these ceremonies.

Although my district does not include Salem, as a member of the Oregon Legislature I spent much of my time in Salem, and my long time chief of staff and his fiancée are both South Salem graduates, so I feel a part of that community in many ways.

Those of us in Congress who travel extensively throughout our districts recognize the unique role high school athletics plays in our local communities. High school athletics is a bonding experience for the young men and women competitors and a powerful social environment for the student body at large. The athletic fields and gymnasiums of our local high schools are a gathering place for parents, families and community leaders, and the team's accomplishments are often a source of pride for local newspapers and media. Perhaps above all high school athletics is a forum where coaches pass on lessons of life—not just plays from a playbook.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating South Salem High School on its 50th anniversary and congratulating the inaugural class of the South Salem Athletic Hall of Fame. They include: Gary Allen ('63), Gary Barbour ('72), Phil Brus ('72), Phil Burkland ('55), Dana Collins Amack ('56), Gary Edmonds ('68), Scott Freeburn ('67), Bob Horn ('72), Dave Johnson ('63), Daniel Moore ('58), Bruce Patterson ('56), Neil Scheidel ('55), Jack Scott ('57), and Greg Specht ('58) as athletes. Dick Ballantyne (basketball '54-'70), Lee Gustafson (football '54-'60) and Marv Heater (football '61-'72), as coaches. Pappy Aschenbrenner (Principal '54-'72) and Phil

Webb ('54) as special "Community Members." And the entire 1954 football team who in their first year of existence were State co-champions.

Way to go, Saxons!

#### RECOGNIZING THE WESTMINSTER AT LAKE RIDGE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

#### HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to acknowledge Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Community as they celebrate ten years of community service on September 19, 2003.

The vision for Westminster started over 25 years ago when the late Myles Golbranson led a group of Presbyterians in creating a life-care community. Several years later, in 1989, Westminster was established and in January of 1993 it opened its doors as a continuing care community, making this vision a reality. Since then, Westminster has remained dedicated to its mission: to provide a continuum of housing, healthcare and related services to older adults that promote independence, dignity and personal fulfillment.

Westminster is a major Prince William County employer and provides a wealth of volunteer opportunities. The residents of Westminster have committed thousands of volunteer hours to local schools, hospitals, and civic and cultural events. For example, the Flying Fingers knit hundreds of caps and blankets each year for newborn babies at Potomac Hospital. Prince William County residents also give back to Westminster; Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and church groups make regular visits.

Today Westminster has grown to house 400 residents, and opens its doors to countless others involved in the Rotary Club, business networking meetings, support groups, community groups, and local Chamber of Commerce groups. Westminster also holds numerous special events including countywide blood drives, health fairs, and political forums.

For ten years, Westminster, in cooperation with the adult community of River Ridge, has provided invaluable living, volunteer, political and charity opportunities to the Prince William County community. In doing so, Westminster most certainly has fulfilled its mission.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to thank Westminster at Lake Ridge Retirement Community as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. They have provided a quality retirement lifestyle for active senior citizens, and contributed greatly to the community at large. I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating ten years of caring, volunteerism, and activism.

#### IN SUPPORT OF HOSPITALS

#### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 2, 2003*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for hospitals, both in my